REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to correct two errors that were overlooked prior to filing. First, a sentence referring to an embodiment that was neither described nor claimed has been deleted. Secondly, the last sentence of the abstract has been edited to make it consistent with the specification, in which illuminant normalization is clearly described as an optional rather than a mandatory aspect of the invention. No new matter has been added to the application.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

This application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and consideration of the application is requested.

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Specification

Replacement section for Abstract of the Disclosure:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A digital camera stores and compares colors. [In one exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a color may be captured by and stored in the digital camera and subsequently uploaded to a computing device for use in applications.] In [another] one exemplary embodiment, a color associated with a candidate specimen is compared with a reference color stored in the digital camera, the difference between the colors is reported graphically, and a signal is given when the colors differ by less than a predetermined tolerance. Illuminant normalization [is] may also be employed to ensure accurate color comparisons.